

CITY OF EASTHAMPTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE

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May 25, 2022

Mayor Nicole LaChapelle City of Easthampton 50 Payson Ave Easthampton, MA 01027

Re: Elementary School Reuse - CPA Letter of Support for Funding

Dear Mayor LaChapelle,

At our May 19, 2022 meeting, the CPA committee voted unanimously to provide this letter of support for the potential redevelopment of one or more of the elementary schools into affordable housing.

We understand that the need for affordable housing is evident through the City's planning efforts in both the Downtown Strategic Plan and Housing Production Plan. We also understand the value of leveraging CPA funds with larger sources of state and federal funding that will all be necessary to create affordable housing in these locations.

The CPA committee is eager to put our funds to work and we look forward to partnering with a developer and others in the coming years to ensure the elementary schools can generate much needed affordable housing.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Easthampton CPA Committee

CC: City Council Elementary Reuse Committee Jeff Bagg, City Planner